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THIS TRADE-MARK  
BEWARE OF IMITATIONS



AND THE BEST  
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to assist a little upon the high office which is modern form of publication fulfills in every way, it is because I am impatient of the required and ignorant prejudice which classed the magazine as ephemeral. They are ephemeral in form, but in substance they are not ephemeral, and that is best in them awaits its resurrection in the book, which, as the first form, is so often a lasting death. An interesting proof of the value of the magazine to literature is the fact that a good novel will receive wider acceptance as a book from having

**FOR PUNISHING CRIMINALS.**  
**The Methods of Torture Introduced**  
**in Different Ages.**  
 In Francisco Chronicle.  
 The Persians did not punish murderers for  
 the first offense,  
 Nearly one-half the murderers in this  
 country are unmarried,  
 The witchcraft laws in England were not  
 repealed until 1736.  
 The bastinado is still a favorite punish-  
 ment in Turkey and Egypt.  
 Ireland has the least proportion of criminals  
 to the million of population, 549.  
 French criminals were condemned to the  
 guillotine as late as 1650.

shaded only in fines.  
The Tower was a place where an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth.  
In Blackstone's time 130 offenses were punishable in England by death. The executioner was tried and put to death for killing a man. Capital punishment was abolished in England in 1837 and restored in 1870. In 1868 98 per cent of the number of English criminals are unable to pay the fines. The Romans had a jury system, the jury was drawn from the local community. There are over five thousand assassinations, or attempts at murder, every year in England.  
In 1881 there were 126 convictions for murder in France, and but four executions. In 1882 there were 126 convictions and 126 hangings on the second day after their conviction.  
The hanging in chains was abolished with any other cruel punishments, in 1834. The guillotine was known as the English-Beheading was unknown as the French-Beheading was known as the Norman request.  
In 1830 the British Parliament passed an act punishing poisoners by boiling to death. Branding and nose slitting were favorite capital punishments in England 200 years ago.

**SUPERSTITIONS ABOUT BABIES.**  
**Various Ideas Held by Mothers All Over the World.**  
 Philadelphia Times.  
 In Ireland a belt made of a woman's hair is placed about a child to keep harm away.  
 In Sicily, salt, bread and steak are put into the cradle of a new-born baby in Holland.  
 Romanian mothers tie the red ribbon around the neck of their children to protect them from harm, while Estonian mothers attach bits of assafetida to the necks of their offspring.  
 In some mothers a pair of tongs or a

For children, the knife is also used for the same purpose in some parts of England. Among Vosses peasants children born at new moon are supposed to have their tongues better hung than others, while those born at the last quarter are supposed to have the tongue better reasoning powers. A daughter born during the waxing moon is always precocious. At the birth of a child in lower Brittany neighboring women take it in charge, and the mother is not allowed to touch the child. The head is rubbed with oil to solder the cranium bones. It is then wrapped in a tight bundle and its lips are anointed with brandy to make it a full citizen. The Grecian mother, before putting her

burn before the fire while singing her favorite song, to ward off evil spirits.

In Scotland it is said to rock the empty cradle will insure the coming of other occupants for it.

The London mother places a book under the head of her new-born infant that it may be quick at reading, and puts money to the first bath to guarantee its wealth in life.

The Turkish mother loads her child with amulets as soon as it is born, and a small bit of mud, steeped in hot water, and rubbed over the previous charms, is stuck on the forehead.

In Spain the infant's face is swept with pine-tree bough to bring good luck.

**He Had Been Insulted.**

Washington Star.

"You've insulted agin," said Meander.

"You don't say so," exclaimed Plodding.

"I do, re'ly, an' I say it loud, too. Is this re a free country, er is the graspin' monopoly known as secrecy goid' to keep on bein' the fruit, an's yer keep us out of the game? That's what I want'er know."

"Don't get excited. What's happened?"

"I asked a woman, who is the haughty proprietress of the farm house, ter gimme an'cin' to eat. She says, 'Kerry in some o' our o'ner' an' I will.' So I went ter the wood shed, an' by er law of natural selection, I got the smallest piece of wood an' a hitted me 'er noy shoulder. I got ter the door step, an' whut djer think that ongrateful minn says to me?"

"I dunno."

"She looked at me sarcastic, an' she says ther's anything I do hate, it's to see a in goin' round with a chip on his shoulder."

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